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Further to your telephonic instructions, herewith the Copy of Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, as filed on March 14, 2005, now with box 3 checked for Express Request to begin National Examination Procedures.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLN. NUMBER: (if known): Not Yet Assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/JP2004/010432	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 15 July 2004 (15.07.2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 16 JULY 2003 (16.07.2003) JP 02 JULY 2004 (02.07.2004) JP
TITLE OF INVENTION: ACCESS METHOD		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Yodshihiko TAKAGI; Takafumi KIKUCHI		
<p>Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>ITEMS 11 to 20 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC 1821 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4) <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: TRANSMITTAL LETTER; TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO U.S. DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: WO 2005/008502 A1, WITH INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT (PCT/ISA/210); INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: 27 JANUARY 2005 (27.01.2005); ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICATION TO BE EXAMINED, WHICH CONSISTS OF 128 PAGES: 67 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 13 PAGES OF 19 CLAIMS, 1 PAGE OF THE ABSTRACT, 47 SHEETS OF DRAWINGS; UNEXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; PTO FORM 1449 WITH ONE (1) CITED REFERENCE; COPY OF ONE (1) CITED REFERENCE; PCT/IB/304 NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT; PCT/RO/101 PCT REQUEST; POSTCARD FOR EARLY NOTIFICATION OF SERIAL NUMBER. 		

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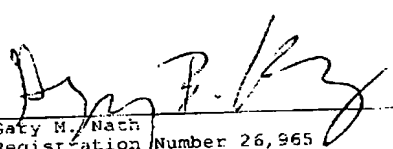
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/527,820**

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